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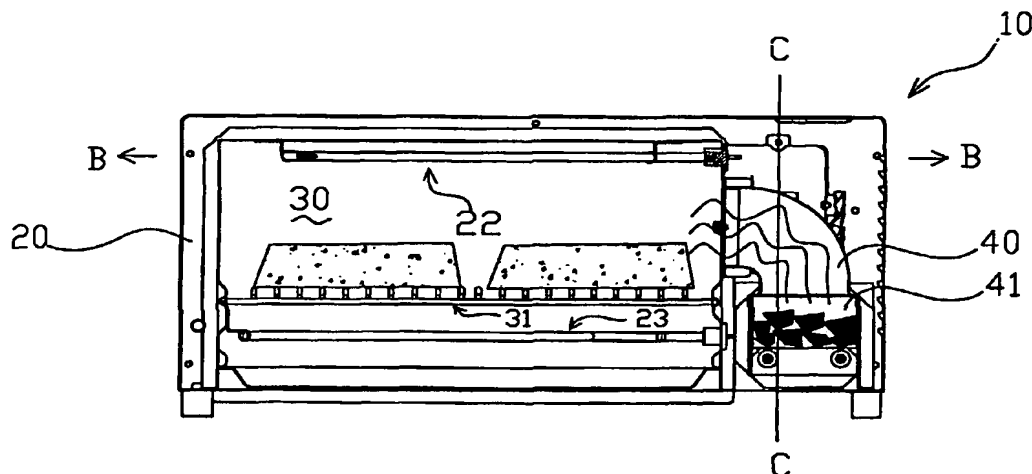
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(57) **Abstract:** A food processing apparatus with electrical heating means as well as smoke curing capability so that food products can be smoke-cured and cooked simultaneously. The food processing apparatus is provided with means to circulate the food curing substances (the flavouring smoke) within an enclosed food processing compartment. An exhaust air passageway provided with a controllable valve and connected with particle absorption and deodorizing means to purify the exhaust air when the food curing smoke is removed from the enclosed food processing compartment is also included to alleviate or eliminate air contamination in the vicinity of the food processing apparatus.